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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3276

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3276 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is
5 amended by adding Section 31 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/31 new)

7 Sec. 31. Women Veterans Task Force.

8 (a) Findings and purpose. Far too often the sacrifices of
9 women veterans are overlooked. This frequently leads to women
10 veterans being left out of veterans' organizations. In
11 addition, most veterans services are targeted to men. The
12 purpose of this Section is to establish a task force to examine
13 the needs of women veterans with respect to issues including,
14 but not limited to, compensation, rehabilitation, outreach,
15 breast and cervical cancer screenings, health care, and issues
16 facing women veterans in the community, and to offer solutions

1 on how best to alleviate these needs.

2 (b) Composition of Task Force. The Department of Veterans'
3 Affairs shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.
4 The Task Force shall be comprised of women veterans appointed
5 as follows:

6 (1) Five members appointed by the Governor.

7 (2) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives.

9 (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
10 House of Representatives.

11 (4) One member appointed by the President of the
12 Senate.

13 (5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
14 Senate.

15 (c) Vacancies. Vacancies in the Task Force shall be filled
16 by the initial appointing authority.

17 (d) Compensation. Members of the Task Force shall serve
18 without compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary
19 expenses incurred in performing duties associated with the Task
20 Force.

21 (e) Duties. The Task Force shall examine the needs of women
22 veterans with respect to issues including, but not limited to,
23 compensation, rehabilitation, outreach, breast and cervical
24 cancer screenings, health care, and issues facing women
25 veterans in the community, and offer solutions on how best to
26 meet these needs.

1 (f) Reporting. By July 1, 2012, the Task Force shall
2 present a report of its findings to the Governor, the Director
3 of Veterans' Affairs, and the Secretary of the United States
4 Department of Veterans Affairs.

5 (g) Repeal. This Section is repealed on July 1, 2012.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.".